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UPR of NORWAY

Mr. President,

Slovenia welcomes the distinguished delegation of Norway to the UPR Working group and thanks them for their presentation today as well as for their commitment to the UPR process. We recognize Norway as the example of safeguarding democracy, assuring the rule of law and putting its best efforts to address key human rights challenges that all member states are faced with in turbulent global world of today.

In the first cycle of the review Slovenia recommended to Norway to consider the possibility of ratifying the Convention on the Rights of Person with Disabilities and we note with satisfaction that Norway has ratified this instrument on 3 June 2013.

Following the findings of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Slovenia would like to **recommend** that Norway undertakes further steps to preserve and promote the traditional means of livelihood of the Sami people, such as reindeer grazing and fishing.

Thank you.